

# **EHQ Engineering Heritage Bus Tour for Galvanised Festival Ipswich.**

## **Report on Tour Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023**

### **Tour.**

By invitation from the organisers of the annual Ipswich Galvanized festival in September, a 2.5 hr tour was planned by Judith Nissen covering 17 of the full tour 27 sites based on the previous work done to construct a route around central and North Ipswich. The start and finish place was Nerima Gardens in Queens Park at Ipswich, to allow sufficient car parking, toilets etc.

A welcome to guests from Qld Division President Joseph Tam was read, some route maps distributed, and references to the EHQ website given. A Galvanized Festival volunteer was present for our departure.

There were 4 stops, each 10-15 minutes planned for disembarkation and inspection. On board the bus, various members spoke from the tour text on the sites being visited, with extra information being given at Sadliers Crossing rail bridge, the Klondyke coke ovens and the Ipswich & Rosewood Coalminers' Memorial. Questions were minimal, and the tour kept generally to time, finishing at 11.40 am. A post-event survey requested by ICC was announced.

Guests Comments. All were appreciative of the information provided. Some local Ipswich residents remarked they passed these sites every day or so without ever thinking of the engineering involved – so now they better appreciate the work that had gone into developing them. Special thanks to Judith for planning the detailed arrangements and Ken for extra information on Ipswich geology.

Guides - EHQ: Brian Beconsall, Brian King, Ken Grubb; Historian: Judith Nissen

Guests - 18 registered/paid and all 18 attended –10 from Ipswich, 8 from Brisbane

Tour Bus- 25-seat – coachhire.com.au with PA system \$400 for 2.5 hrs

Cost per person charged-- \$15 per seat

Admin by EA - Jarrod Early. Setting up also of an EA booking web site linked to the Galvanized web site <https://www.ipswichfestivals.com.au/galvanized/>

Leader Brian Beconsall - 12-9-2023

Message from Joseph Tam, Queensland President of Engineers Australia

To Guests on the Engineering Heritage Bus Tour 9 Sept. 2023

“On behalf of Engineers Australia’s Queensland Division, I would firstly like to thank all of you for joining this inaugural Ipswich Engineering Heritage Tour organised by the Engineering Heritage Committee of EA for the Galvanised Festival of Ipswich 2023.

Unfortunately, I cannot join you today.

It’s really fantastic to see such a high degree of interest in the engineering heritage of Ipswich.

This morning, we are very fortunate to have Judith Nissen as our tour guide. She is a professional historian who did most of the text research to create the Ipswich Engineering Tour Booklet. Judith and three 3 other EHQ engineers, Brian Beconsall, Brian King and Ken Grubb will be taking us to visit some of the sites in Central and North Ipswich.

Engineering heritage is more than just a reflection of the past, it is a testament to human ingenuity, creativity and adaptability. As you embark on this tour, I encourage you to immerse yourself in the history, appreciate the craftsmanship, and let the innovations of the past inspire you.

Finally, I would thank Brian Beconsall and the Queensland Heritage Committee for making today’s tour a reality. Please ensure that you give them your full attention over the next few hours as they generously share their extensive knowledge and wisdom.

I wish you all a thoroughly enjoyable and enlightening tour.”

Joseph Tam- President-Qld Division Engineers Australia.







# Ipswich Engineering Heritage Tour Map

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1. Queen Victoria Silver Jubilee Memorial Technical College,  
1111 Queensland St. (opposite Queensland St), Ipswich
2. Denmark Hill Reservoirs,  
off Wingham St. (Chelmsford Ave), Ipswich
3. Scott's Foundry,  
111 Melburn St. West Ipswich
4. Saddlers Crossing Railway Bridge, over  
Bremer River  
between Epton St. Saddlers Crossing & Epton St. Mackaraka
5. Ipswich Grammar School,  
Wharfedale Rd. (between Wingham St. & Wingham St.), Ipswich
6. Commercial Hotel,  
211 Beauden St., Woodend
7. Bremer River Rail Bridge,  
off Bremer St. (between Wingham St. & Wingham St.), Ipswich &  
Hwy 1 Rd. North Ipswich (off from Rd. Railway Complex)
8. Queensland Railway Centenary Memorial

9. Ipswich Flour Milling Co.,  
117-131 Brisbane St. Ipswich
10. Old Town Hall,  
116 Brisbane St. Ipswich
11. Ipswich-Rosewood Coalminers' Memorial,  
Chelmsford Rd.
12. Walter Rurley Griffin Incinerator,  
211 Harley Rd. (off from Wingham St.)
13. Concrete Roadway,  
North Ipswich Ave. Queensland Park
14. Ipswich Gas & Coke Company gasholder,  
& the service, North Ipswich
15. Queensland Woollen Manufacturing Company Ltd,  
212 & 213 The Terrace, North Ipswich
16. Hancock Bros Sawmill,  
111 Wingham Rd. North Ipswich
17. North Ipswich Ice & Butter Factory,  
The Terrace North Ipswich
18. Railway Historical Centre,  
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19. Barbat & Sons Foundry,  
The Terrace North Ipswich
20. Railway Historical Marker,  
off Ovens & Hawley St. North Ipswich
21. Ipswich North State School,  
off Downs St. North Ipswich
22. Klondyke Coke Ovens,  
Railway Reserve, Epton Rd. North Ipswich
23. North Ipswich Railway Workshops Complex,  
North St. North Ipswich
24. Ipswich Railway Workshops War Memorial
25. Ipswich to Walloon Original Railway Line
26. Tivoli Branch Railway
27. Sandstone Railway Culvert